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Las Conchas Fire Update – June 29, 2011 (1800hrs)

* Current fire size is estimated at 69,555 acres and is 3% contained, with approximately 350 personnel working to contain the fire.

* LANL reports no wildfire currently on property, and preliminary results of LANL high-volume air samplers, along the southern, northern and eastern boundaries, show no radioactive materials in smoke from the fire. Wind direction is changing but the fire is not heading for LANL currently.

* OSC Fife participated in a New Mexico Governor's briefing in White Rock this afternoon. The briefing focused on types of air samplers being utilized by EPA, DOE, and the State, as well as ASPECT utilization. The Governor was pleased with the briefing, and in particular, the siting of several air samplers near Pueblos. ABC News covered the briefing / question and answer session.

* OSC Zehner arrived in New Mexico today, and will coordinate and transition with OSC

Fife tomorrow. R8 Data Team member McComb arrived at the EOC to develop a data management plan, with R6 RSC member Loesel deploying to the EOC tomorrow to provide data management support upon McComb's departure. Additionally, R6 XA PIO staff has been deployed to the JIC.

* Six (6) EPA air samplers have been deployed and 6 DOE-RAP air samplers have been deployed. Four (4) of the air samplers are located on Pueblos and 2 more are located on tribal land. State tribal liaisons are now located at the EOC. State EOC representatives passed along the thanks and complements of U.S. Senator Tom Udall for our air sampling efforts.

* DOE-LANL has deployed an unspecified number (appx. 6) of roving off-site samplers that are providing 4-6hr sample collection.

* Additional sampling locations have been identified, but not secured, for deployment of Radiological Emergency Response Team air samplers. RERT (ORIA-LV) will arrive today with an additional 18 air samplers.

* ASPECT began flying today at 4:30pm CDT. Data will be made available tomorrow. District 3 State Congressman Lujan expressed displeasure with the LANL decision to not allow ASPECT overflights of LANL property and indicated elevation of the issue.

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